

# NEW-YORK DAILY TRIBUNE, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 29, 1883.

## MR. PRIME'S TESTIMONY.

### THE CROSS-EXAMINATION BEGUN.

NO ill-feeling to Mr. Feuardent—position of the Cesnola collection involved.

The Feuardent-di Cesnola trial was resumed yesterday morning in the United States Circuit Court. Mr. Prime took the stand, Mr. Branson being still indisposed. Mr. Cleave read the testimony of Mr. Ally concerning the mirror on the statuette of Venus. Mr. Prime said that it had never been anything but stone. He expected the statue of the priest, No. 22, the which was shown to me by a reporter of the Tribune, was before his appearance. The next morning I went to the Museum. General di Cesnola and I talked about the card. He said he had never known the statue with the hand and patella separate. Henkel was called up and it was asked to our questions implied that he never knew the statue to be a copy of the original card. Then I asked for the number. General di Cesnola knew nothing at that time of the album's existence. Henkel said that this year is the first time he has seen it. But things of late have been going down just as they always do. I feel that next month they will go up just as they always do. This January lesson is not another because of the traditions. It has some logic in it. There is always toward the close of December a general evening up and closing out. The public, for little while at a time, makes a good resolution, but gives it up again of gambling. There is invariably a hold-over, and a substantial letting-down in prices just because of the speculative reasons. In January the good resolutions are broken; invariably the public gets back into speculations; the evening up, price is over; the next day is reckoned to twelve months off. Naturally goes up. It is logical that they should. Yet there is bound to be a January "bulge" this year as usual. If there had been no holiday break I should consider it five cents; now it is three; pack a dollar a barrel lower than ten days ago?

What to night is going at \$1.075 for May; this is 4 cents lower than to night. May corn is going at 60 cents; this is one cent lower than last night. February pork closed at \$14.175 and February hams at \$25, a drop in the twenty-four hours of 20 cents a barrel for the former and 10 cents per hundred for the latter. The feature of the day was a drop of 3 cents in the January option in corn. The market is puzzled to, night to know whether it is a real adjustment to import. January corn option, 40 cents, advanced to 60 cents quickly, and as everybody was in the dark, but the more meant the pit became much excited, but not much corn was sold, and little by the clique. Then there followed a call, and January closed at 50 cents bid. The desire is set down by the best informed people to get it up again. It is now 60 cents. It is now 65 cents. The market should permanently sell down to its relative place compared with the other options, that is, the distant option would be 60 cents, and only 90 of those graded No. 2. A man who knows "Jack" stands well, and who met him recently in New York, says that he is a member of the commission men who were of the opinion that they controlled all the business at New York, who sold, are under the impression that their clients in this country are not so well informed. Their phones will not fail for any lack of money, and who met him recently in New York, says that he is a member of the commission men who were of the opinion that they controlled all the business at New York, who sold, are under the impression that their clients in this country are not so well informed. They are not the class who say: "Let me know when it goes against us and send your a check." That is plain to see. The programme of the time is to carry it through to the end of the month, through it will go. Those who are betting this is a short-strike manipulation will be disappointed.

The cross-examination of the little speculators at the stock exchange—"the parasites," as the millionaire manufacturers style the "seafarers." There are still-to-night 40,000 hogs in the pens, and 40,000 cents of provisions were dull and heavy, mainly because of the tumble in corn. Nobody will be surprised at a weak market tomorrow and Monday; our feeling is that after the first there will be a revival.

A PAGAN CUSTOM.—It is stated that our Christian ceremonies are drawn from Pagan sources. Young Godwin, who gave his girl a diamond ring, and received in return a ten-cent pen-wiper, says he is prepared to believe that he is the first to bring such about one Christmas custom, at least.—Norristown Herald.

### MARINE INTELLIGENCE.

#### MINIATURE ALMANAC.

Sundays, 7:24; a/c 4:41; Moonrise, 7:11; Moon's age, 30; 20°.

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